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SUBJECT: REPORTED SOURCE OF BOSTON GLOBE STORY ON US-PRC  
RELATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND, FYI, ON OCTOBER 21 BOSTON  
SUNDAY GLOBE STORY BY OTTO ZAUSMER HEADLINED "PEKING  
DEMANDS MAY DOOM KISSINGER'S CHINA MISSION" (OCTOBER 24 EA  
PRESS SUMMARY, STATE 209943, PARA 20).

2. ZAUSMER INDICATED TO DEPTOFF IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE  
THAT "HIGHLY PLACED CHINESE DIPLOMAT" CITED AS SOURCE IN  
STORY IS CHANG HAI-T'AO, NCNA OFFICIAL IN NEW YORK.  
ZAUSMER, WHO IS NEARLY BLIND, INTERVIEWED CHANG IN NEW YORK  
AROUND OCTOBER 12 BUT PRESUMABLY DID NOT TAKE NOTES. IN ANY  
CASE, WE ARE UNABLE TO ASSESS ACCURACY HIS ACCOUNT OF  
CHANG'S REMARKS.

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3. ZAUSMER HAS NOT INDICATED WHAT IF ANY OTHER PRC

OFFICIALS HE TALKED WITH. AS FAR AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PRC OFFICIALS HERE HAVE NOT BEEN COMMENTING EVEN PRIVATELY TO PRESS OR OTHERS ON PROSPECTS FOR THE TRIP, MUCH LESS TAKING THE LINE ATTRIBUTED TO CHANG. CHANG WAS, HOWEVER, ALSO THE SOURCE FOR ZAUSMER REPORT ON EVE OF SECRETARY'S FEB. 1973 VISIT THAT CHINESE WERE THEN EAGER FOR US-PRC RELATIONS TO MAKE GREAT PROGRESS TOWARDS NORMALIZATION. KISSINGER

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